

The NOSB livestock committee recommends by a vote of 4–1 the following:

Access to Outdoors for Poultry

NOSB recommends the following clarification to the final rule's requirements that poultry shall have access to outdoors:

Access to Outdoors for Poultry

1. Organically managed poultry must have access to outdoors. Organic livestock facilities shall give poultry the ability to choose to be in housing or outside in the open air and direct sunshine. The producer's organic system plan shall illustrate how the producer will maximize and encourage access to the outdoors. A producer shall demonstrate reasonable progress in efforts to comply with this provision; full compliance shall be completed no later than 18 months from October 21, 2002 (April 21, 2004).
2. The producer of organically managed poultry may, when justified in the organic system plan, provide temporary confinement because of:
 - a. Inclement weather;
 - b. The state of production, **sufficient feathering to prevent health problems caused by outside exposure**;
 - c. Conditions under which the health safety or well being of the poultry could be jeopardized;
 - d. Risk to soil or water quality